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Dear Horse Owner,

On Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. we will be having another illustrated talk at Rheged. The main reason for holding these evenings is to hopefully disseminate interesting and useful information. I have always been impressed by the consistent thirst for knowledge displayed by our clients.

We think the next decade may bring about huge change in our Cumbrian horse population in terms of disease. We feel the better people are informed, the more chance we have of early recognition of something different going on in the area. (e.g. see our web-site [www.frameswiftandpartners.co.uk](http://www.frameswiftandpartners.co.uk) for details of atypical equine myositis).

Despite interesting new medical advances, the same old diseases are still around but seem to have a more persistent hold (see the Jan. 2010 newsletter on our web-site) possibly due to what seems like a doubling of the local horse population in the last 10 years.

In addition, we cannot afford to stick our heads in the sand: there are a lot of new diseases, with exotic sounding names, in neighbouring European countries that with virtually unhindered transit of horses around Europe and climate change are a realistic threat to us. As if an example were needed, this January two horses in Wiltshire have tested positive for Equine Infectious Anaemia (Swamp Fever), the first time this disease has been recorded in Britain since the 1970s. The horses were recently imported via Belgium and have subsequently had to be destroyed. It is a disease we are particularly keen to keep out as horses become persistently infected and under current rules have to be destroyed. We are very keen to demonstrate these diseases to as many owners as possible.

We would be delighted to see as many people there as possible. There is nothing good on the telly, it's free, your friends will be there....and.. the bar will be open!

Best wishes,

Neil.